

## RECORD OF ACTIONS

ITAC Meeting

December 13, 2005

Present: Mr. Jay Blaire, Mr. Chris Bogue, Ms. Janet De la Rosa, Ms. Ellen Greenfield, Mr. Joe Hutchins, Mr. Tim Ramsay, Mr. Fred Robinson, Mr. Tom Ruthven, Mr. Stewart Seruya, Dr. Carl Snyder, Dr. M. Lewis Temales, Mr. Dan Thomas, Mr. Bill Vilberg, Dr. Alan Whitney, Dr. Rod Zika and Dr. Otis Brown, Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 1608 in the College of Engineering, McArthur Building, Room 289.

1. The Record of Actions for the October 11, 2005 meeting was approved.

2. Administrative Systems

a. Software

Please see Attachment A, Applications & Database Systems (dated November 30, 2005). Dan Thomas summarized the attachment.

The BSSC did not meet this month. The "Green Screen" budget system was turned off in December. The JACADA application for Advancement is "live". Ongoing projects reviewed include: UM e-Net, Health Services, Hodes IQ job posting system and KRONOS.

The SSSC did not meet this month. Implemented a process to provide direct-deposit refunds to students through myUM. Completed Grade Distribution Project. Transitioned Richter Library access authentication to the *Cane ID* system. Multiple projects target enhancement of MyUM functionality for students. Support continued for SEVIS and the CANE Card Gold systems.

In the Database area, DB2 transition coding and testing continues, but is "behind" schedule: testing financial aid application. Implementation will be after fiscal year-end.

b. Hardware

Please see Attachment B, "Reports to ITAC – December 12, 2005". F. Robinson summarized the attachment. He noted that there was "nothing important to report". Deployed 840 GB of new DASD space, space utilization % is down. CPU usage is showing a normal increase, although there was a significant jump in peak-CPU utilization.

There is a new project to provide centralized backup of student computers.

Renegotiated College of Arts and Sciences contract to include “free” wireless access starting in February. – Implies more use of portable platforms.

### 3. Academic Systems

#### a. Student/Faculty computing services/support

C. Sainz gave the report. Implementation of wireless print services is under way.

IT represented UM in signing a contract for Latin American Grid aka LA-GRID. This includes FIU, Monterrey Tech, University of Barcelona and the University of Puerto Rico.

Committee asked about participation in other grid activities, e.g., SURA-GRID. We are not a participant in this activity currently.

#### b. Instructional Advancement Center

B. Vilberg gave the report. *BlackBoard* is now secure. He introduced Janet De La Rosa, who is taking over *BlackBoard* management this year.

### 4. Telecommunications

#### a. Operations Summary

S. Seruya gave the report. Seruya discussed FPL FiberNet Metropolitan Network Project and its schedule. He expects a good portion of it to be completed by the end of December.

He commented that Florida LambdaRail is operational. Barry University is due to sign as a customer in the very near future.

E-911 “to the set” reporting is making progress, even though it is a very large project. Final implementation of E-911 is dependent on budget availability.

### 5. Internet

#### a. Networks

S. Seruya gave the report. Please see Attachment C, “Telecommunication Charts December 2005”. Network usage is stable – the outage was due to a hardware outage. We are using ~1% of the available Florida LambdaRail bandwidth.

#### b. Security issues

S. Seruya gave the report. *Verisign* is very close to signing the contract for the UM security assessment.

6. Medical School

a. General commentary.

C. Bogue noted they received an award for their innovative 802.11 based paging system.

7. ITAC Transition to a “Steering Committee”

a. ITAC adopts a more strategic role in the UM IT process.

Chair reminded the ITAC about this topic. It was decided to focus the entire agenda for the next meeting on more of a strategic role for the ITAC.

8. Other Business

a. Off site test of UM Disaster Recovery Plan.

IT personnel noted that a successful test of the off-site recovery was performed on October 18. They commented that all UM financial data was in Denver for Hurricane Wilma.

b. *Communitie* VoiceMail System.

S. Seruya asked the ITAC to exercise a new “Operator” module in this system. It is available at x82211. Telecommunications would like feedback on this implementation with respect to its utility for UM operations.

a. Out of region backup for Library Systems.

T. Ruthven would like to participate in this project. IT agreed to continue discussions with Richter Library staff on off-site backup and disaster recovery issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 1704.

**NOTE: The next ITAC meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2005 at 4:00 p.m., College of Engineering, McArthur Building, Room 289.**

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